THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

Exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops

124. SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of times Indian and Pakistani troops exchanged fire across the J&K border since May, 1990; stating the number of military and civilian casualties on both the sides;

(b) what is the number of Pakistani intruders apprehended in the Indian territory during May-July, 1990;

(c) the number of times Indian Government have logded protests with Pakistan Government;

(d) whether war preparations are going on in these areas on the Pakistani side; if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government have taken so far to strengthen the Indian positions along J&K border to meet any unforeseen eventuality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) to (c) Exchange of fire between Indian and Pakistani troops, across the J&K LOC/Border, has been continuing to take place and there have been casualties on both sides. 13 Pak/POK intruders were apprehended while attempting infiltration during May-July 1990 in J&K. The Govt. of India have been keeping the Pak Government duly informed about our views regarding the infiltrations across the borders.

(d) and (e) Government are aware that the Pak Defence froces continue to be in a state of operational preparedness. Our armed forces are adequately prepared to meet any eventuality that may arise.

Successful launching of Insat-ID Satellite

125. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has successfully launched INSAT-ID Satellite from Cape Canaveral, Florida on the 12th June, 1990;

(b) to what extent this would augment India's space facilities in terms of communications, T.V. transmission etc.; and

(c) what plans have been drawn up to utilize the Satellite in different fields for the benefit of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) INSAT-ID will provide the continuity of all vital satellite based services in the areas of Telecommunications, nationwide TV and Radio Broadcasting, Meteorology and disaster warning which INSAT-IB has been prividing so far. There is an INSAT Coordination Committee consisting of representatives of all concerned departments to ensure optimal utilization of the capabilities of the Satellite in different fields.

Formulation of National Youth Policy

126. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a National Youth Policy; and